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86-569 Findings and intent.

(1) The Legislature finds that Geographic Information Systems are a computer-based technology that captures, stores, analyzes, and displays information about the earth's surface from a geographically referenced systems, that an interest in the systems is rapidly increasing at all levels of government, and that an institutional mechanism is needed to encourage initiatives, coordinate efforts, avoid duplication, seek efficiencies, develop guidelines, policies, and standards for operations and management, promote education and training, and make recommendations so that such technology will benefit the entire state and endure as an analysis tool for decisionmakers.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that a Geographic Information Systems Council be created with statewide responsibilities to take an active role in implementing Geographic Information Systems. Such council would help facilitate acquisition of such technology at all levels of government and make recommendations to the Legislature for program initiatives and funding and the fostering of communication, training, and education.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Geographic Information Systems Council serve as an advisory council to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and assist the commission in its overall information technology planning and oversight and provide technical advice and recommendations related to the specialized needs of Geographic Information Systems.

86-570. Geographic Information Systems Council; created; members; appointment; terms; expenses.

(1) The Geographic Information Systems Council is hereby created and shall consist of:

(a) The Chief Information Officer or his or her designee and the director or designee of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Conservation and Survey Division of the University of Nebraska, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Governor's Policy Research Office;

(b) The Director-State Engineer or designee;

(c) The State Surveyor or designee;

(d) The Clerk of the Legislature or designee;

(e) The secretary of the Game and Parks Commission or designee;

(f) The Property Tax Administrator or designee;

(g) One representative of federal agencies appointed by the Governor;

(h) One representative of the natural resources districts nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and appointed by the Governor;

(i) One representative of the public power districts appointed by the Governor;

(j) Two representatives of the counties nominated by the Nebraska Association of County Officials and appointed by the Governor;

(k) One representative of the municipalities nominated by the League of Nebraska Municipalities and appointed by the Governor;

- (l) Two members at large appointed by the Governor; and
 - (m) Such other members as nominated by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and appointed by the Governor.
- (2) The appointed members shall serve terms as determined by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.
- (3) The members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

86-571. Committee; officers; advisory committees; meetings.

- (1) The Geographic Information Systems Council shall elect a chairperson from its membership and such other officers as the council deems necessary.
- (2) As the need arises, advisory committees may be established by the council from various levels of government, industry, or the general public to assist the council. The members of advisory committees shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- (3) The council shall meet quarterly or upon the call of the chairperson.

86-572. Committee; duties.

The Geographic Information System Steering Committee shall:

- (1) Make recommendations to the Legislature and the Nebraska Information Technology Commission for program initiatives and funding;
- (2) Establish guidelines and policies for statewide Geographic Information Systems operations and management to include:
 - (a) The acquisition, development, maintenance, quality assurance such as standards, access, ownership, cost recovery, and priorities of data bases;
 - (b) The compatibility, acquisition, and communications of hardware and software;
 - (c) The assessment of needs, identification of scope, setting of standards, and determination of an appropriate enforcement mechanism;
 - (d) The fostering of training programs and promoting education and information about the Geographic Information Systems; and
 - (e) The promoting of the Geographic Information Systems development in the State of Nebraska and providing or coordinating additional support to address Geographic Information Systems issues as such issues arise.
- (3) Report to, assist, and advise the Chief Information Officer in setting information technology policy; and
- (4) Provide assistance as requested by the commission and support the technical panel created in section 86-521.

86-573. Committee; report.

The Geographic Information Systems Council shall provide a report of its activities to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission for inclusion in the biannual progress report submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by the commission pursuant to section 86-518.